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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOPN, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: AVIATION WEEK STORY ON THE BACKFIRE

REF: SECTO 27161

GEORGE BUSH HAS ASKED ME TO PASSTO YOU THE FOLLOWING  
RESPONSE TO YOUR MESSAGE TO HIM REGARDING THE "AVIATION  
WEEK" STORY:

BEGIN TEXT: I DID SEE THAT SLANDEROUS AVIATION WEEK  
STORY. I HAVE MADE TWO PUBLIC REFERENCES TO IT. ON  
TUESDAY BEFORE THE CBS RADIO AFFILIATE EXECUTIVES I SPOKE  
OUT, THEN YESTERDAY BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. YESTERDAY'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED  
ON TWO OF THE TV CHANNELS HERE.

IN ADDITION, AFTER FAILING TO GET AVIATION WEEK EDITOR  
HOLTZ ON THE PHONE, I TODAY FIRED OFF A LETTER PROTESTING  
THIS "SLANDEROUS" COVERAGE. THIS STORY WAS INDEED A  
DIRECT ATTACK ON YOU, BUT IT WAS ALSO A DIRECT ATTACK  
ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE INTELLIGENCE PROCESS AND AN  
INDIRECT ATTACK ON ME. THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT MAY  
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HELP AND I ALSO HOPE TO ADDRESS MYSELF TO THIS ON "ISSUES

AND ANSWERS" THIS WEEKEND. I SHARE YOUR OUTRAGE AND  
WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.  
END TEXT ROBINSON

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